

## U.S. opposes Transkei move

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (R). — The U.S. has decided not to recognise the Transkei as an independent state when South Africa grants it independence, the State Department said today.

South Africa has been informed of the decision, which is based on a doubt that the South African policy of setting up independent states from tribal homelands is an effective way of granting a share of wealth and rights to South Africa's blacks. U.S. officials said the decision was influenced in part by the lack of acceptance of the Transkei by other nations.

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## Israeli inflation at 40%

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 22 (R). — Israel's inflation rate is expected to be 40 per cent for 1976, according to economic figures published here today.

The figures were released by university researchers, whose findings are used by the government and trade unions. At the beginning of the year the finance ministry said inflation would be about 20 per cent. Later a fresh estimate of 30 per cent was published. Today's survey forecast that prices would rise by 15 per cent in the last three months of the year, making the annual inflation rate 40 per cent.

## 74 Arabs, 3 Jews are arrested in Hebron

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank, Oct. 22 (AFP). — Israeli military authorities investigating the desecration of Moslem and Jewish holy places at the Ibrahimi Haram here have carried out widespread arrests and an Israeli soldier is being questioned, it was learned here yesterday.

The Ibrahimi Haram, where tradition says Abraham is buried, was desecrated by Arab and Jewish groups at the beginning of this month.

A total of 77 persons from Hebron and the nearby town of Haloull were being detained, the military government of the occupied West Bank announced today.

Three of those arrested came from Kiryat Arba, the Jewish settlement near Hebron. The rest are Arabs, most of them youths.

The trial of the Arab youths is to begin next week before an Israeli military court at Hebron.

The three Jewish suspects are to be tried later before a civilian court at Beersheba. The investigation is continuing.

In Washington, meanwhile, a reliable source has said that Israel will take delivery early in December of a first small consignment of the F-15 jet fighter planes it ordered from the United States some two years ago.

Israel has ordered 25 of the advanced jets, which are manufactured by McDonnell-Douglas, but only four or five will be delivered at start with, the source said, adding that the remainder will be delivered over a number of years.

## Preliminary phase of talks on Rhodesia is underway in Geneva

GENEVA, Oct. 22 (AFP). — The preliminary phase of the Rhodesia conference began here today when British chairman Ivor Richard met Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith at United Nations European headquarters.

Mr. Smith would make no comment on the details of discussion during the 90-minute meeting, but indicated that he is not prepared to negotiate any part of the package deal for majority rule he concluded with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

If any part of the accord was rejected, Mr. Smith said, "then we go back to square one," suggesting he would go back on his pledge to hand over to majority rule within two years.

Britain, however, as Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland told parliament in London last Wednesday, sees the Kissinger agreement as a basis for negotiation.

The difference of opinion with Rhodesian black nationalists over the Kissinger plan is as much a threat to the success of the conference as the divisions between the nationalists themselves, informed sources said.

The Prime Minister said he was "so far" with the British position of the conference and would be willing to meet privately with nationalist leaders when they arrive here, if they so requested.

Mr. Richard, who also met the Director General of the U.N. office here, Vittorio Winspeare-Giugiarini, said later he and Mr. Smith would have a new meeting, possibly tomorrow.

He indicated there had been no range in the British or Rhodesian positions over the conference, but did the talks were very useful and constructive.

Mr. Richard said the meeting left him "quite hopeful" that the full conference next week could be a success.



WARRIOR'S SHAVE — A leftist militiaman takes a peaceful shave behind his sandbags in Beirut Friday, shortly after the latest Arab-sponsored ceasefire was declared to end Lebanon's 18-month-old, civil war.

## Final Ford-Carter debate could swing election tide

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia, Oct. 22 (R). — President Ford and Mr. Jimmy Carter entered their final televised debate here tonight for a 90-minute duel that could decide the Nov. 2 election.

With only 10 days left to polling, and with millions of voters still undecided, both men realise this third nationally-televised debate could be crucial.

"It's the big ball game," President Ford has told reporters. This debate, he said last night, "is going to be a little different from the others."

In wry acknowledgement of his gaffe during the last debate, when

he said East Europe was free from Soviet domination, the president said "Governor Carter is going to answer his questions and I am going to question my answers."

The latest Gallup Poll last night showed Mr. Carter maintaining a six-point lead, but mistakes by either candidate tonight could wreck their election prospects with so little time left to recoup.

Both men were expected to make some effort to break down a barrier of voter apathy which has marked a dull campaign. One poll has up to 15 per cent of the electorate still undecided.

Mr. Carter said he intended to "spell out my vision of the future of the greatest nation on earth."

The site of the debate is historic William and Mary College in the heart of this restored colonial settlement. The debate is open to any topic posed by the panel of three journalists and a moderator.

The first debate on Sept. 23 covered domestic and economic issues and most assessments made President Ford the winner.

The second in foreign and defence issues and was generally judged a victory for the Democratic candidate's more forceful style.

Mr. Ford, recalling memories of President Harry Truman's surprise victory in the 1948 presidential election, said tonight he was going

to score "the greatest upset in this century" on Nov. 2.

His remark, made as he left Washington for the flight to Williamsburg, appeared to acknowledge he was trailing Mr. Carter in the opinion polls.

But like Mr. Truman in 1948, who was the underdog against Thomas Dewey, Mr. Ford displayed unshaken confidence in the outcome of the election.

In an earlier development, President Ford was asked by a congresswoman today to order an investigation into his role during early congressional probes of the Watergate affair which toppled former President Nixon.

The request came in a letter from Democrat Elizabeth Holtzman of New York, after both the Watergate special prosecutor and Attorney General Edward Levi rejected requests to launch such an investigation.

Former Nixon aide John Dean has claimed in a new book that Mr. Ford was acting under orders from the Nixon White House when he moved to block the first investigation in 1972 into the break-in by the House of Representatives Banking Committee.

Mr. Ford has said he had no recollection of such talks with White House aides.

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## Arab peace troops venture forth

# Snipers, mortar shells mar calm in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Oct. 22 (R). — Arab League peace-keepers, still few in number, lightly equipped and severely restricted in their role, ventured into the heart of Beirut's battleground today. The ceasefire which began here yesterday was generally holding. But occasional sniper fire rattled through streets shattered by months of fierce civil war and several mortar shells landed near the positions taken up by four Saudi Arabian soldiers of the peace-keeping force in the city's commercial centre.

Along the confrontation line running through Beirut, other members of the existing 2,500-man Arab League peace force established observation posts at or near forward positions occupied by leftist units.

At least 25 Syrian lorries packed with an estimated 1,000 troops left Lebanon for home today. But it was not immediately clear whether the troops were being withdrawn from Lebanon or taken home as part of a routine rotation of forces.

Radio stations of both the left and right reported relative calm throughout the country today.

The rightwing Phalangist radio claimed leftist forces in the south were holding 400 villagers prisoner at a church in Ayshiyeh, near the Israeli border, and were preventing the Red Cross from taking them food or water. There was no independent confirmation.

The predominantly Christian village was attacked two days ago by the leftists, who said a group of militiamen were ambushed and killed there by rightists.

Rightists and Maronite Bishop Youssef Khoury of Tyre have accused the left of committing a "massacre" in the village. There has been no confirmation of the charges.

The pro-left Beirut Radio accused Israeli forces of shelling the border town of Bint Jbeil today. The Israelis inflicted many casualties, the radio said.

Mortar shells slammed into the town's market place yesterday, killing 16 civilians and injuring 30, according to travellers.

Earlier today, Reuter correspondent Nazih Mustafa reported that fear of another shelling attack had turned Bint Jbeil into a ghost town, with streets deserted as residents took cover in their homes.

A Palestinian commando spokes-

man said today that what was happening in the Lebanese south "places the whole Arab nation before its national responsibility of facing overt Israeli moves."

In central Beirut today, the four Saudi peace-keepers set up a radio and camp beds in the ante-room of a shell-battered mosque, just behind the most advanced leftist positions in the district.

Leftists and rightists are separated there by an area often as narrow as 15 metres.

"We are still finding our way," the corporal in charge of the Saudis told a visitor. "So far we have reported sniping from both sides and several shells fired from the rightist side."

Two more mortar bombs crashed nearby in mid-afternoon as the

corporate prepared radio reports for in his headquarters.

The existing Arab peace force arrived in Lebanon in June but has had little impact on the conflict.

The peace plan drafted in Riyadh last Monday by six Arab leaders calls for a greatly expanded force of 30,000 men to police the ceasefire.

The make-up and exact mission of the new force are still to be decided by a full Arab summit in Cairo next Monday.

But it will need more than just numbers if it is to have a major impact on the situation, according to Brig. Nur Al Din Mubarak, Sudanese acting commander of the present peace force.

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## Israeli issue is top UNESCO meet dilemma

NAIROBI, Oct. 22 (R). — The forthcoming general conference of UNESCO will not be reduced in importance by the relations between Israel and Arab nations, the body's secretary general said today.

Mr. Ahmadou Mahtar M'bow, speaking at an airport press conference, in answer to further questions on the subject, added: "I have nothing to say personally on the Arab-Israeli conflict at the moment. I will say whatever I have before the general conference."

The biennial conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) opens on Tuesday.

Third World attacks on Israel at the 1974 conference, its non-election to UNESCO's European group and the cut-off of aid to Israel caused a storm of protest

in the West at the time. The U.S. went as far as to block its contributions to UNESCO — these made up about one quarter of the organisation's budget.

Asked about UNESCO's financial crisis, Mr. M'bow said this was caused by inflation and non-payment of contributions by a member state totalling some \$40 million. He did not name the state in question.

He said he had tried to overcome the crisis by taking severe measures on some UNESCO programmes and by raising interest free loans from some of the body's richer states. He did not elaborate.

According to informed sources in Paris, intense behind-the-scenes moves are under way to reach a compromise on the Israeli issue and thus persuade America to pay the \$38 million outstanding for 1975-76.

## China officially announces political "liquidation" of "radicals"

PEKING, Oct. 22 (R). — China today announced that Mao Tse-tung's widow and her radical allies had been "liquidated" from the Communist Party in a move that spelt their political demise.

Analysts said it appeared they had been expelled from the party and perhaps exiled to the provinces.

The news was greeted with fireworks and scenes of jubilation. For the second day, vast, raucous crowds surged by Peking's Forbidden City denouncing the so-called "gang of four" and hailing the appointment of Mr. Hua Kuofeng as party chairman.

The official media for the first time attacked Mao's ex-actress widow Chiang Ching and her three colleagues by name, branding them a bunch of conspirators who had attempted to seize power.

Peking Radio and the New China news agency also finally reported officially that Premier Hua, a tough, middle-of-the-road politician, had succeeded Mao as chairman.

The appointment was first disclosed in wall posters here two weeks ago.

In the rain-swept capital, hundreds of thousands of cheerful, chanting demonstrators marched through the streets bearing grotesque caricatures of the disgraced radicals.

The "gang of four" Maoe Chiang Ching, Party Vice Chairman Wang

Hung-wen, Vice Premier Chang Chun-chiao and journalist Yao Wen-yuan — are reportedly under arrest for "plotting a coup".

The official media today accused them of "towering crimes" but has not yet given any details.

New China news agency said measures taken by the party Central Committee had "crushed the

counter-revolutionary conspiratorial clique and liquidated a bane inside the party."

The announcement dashed any last hopes the radicals may have had of political survival.

The agency said the four Politburo members had formed a gang to "engage in unbridled intrigues and conspiracies in an attempt to

usurp top state and party leadership."

In the reference to "usurp" top leadership, some analysts saw the first official backing for reports that the four are accused of plotting to murder Mr. Hua.

The news agency described the group as "typical representatives of the bourgeoisie inside the party

and unrepentant capitalist roaders."

The last important figure to be purged in China, former Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, was also branded a "capitalist roader". But he was a long-time opponent of the radicals.

Mr. Teng was sacked from power last April. The campaign against him has since been completely overshadowed by the drive against the Chiang Ching "clique", and diplomats here now believe Mr. Teng may be rehabilitated.

Like yesterday's street demonstration, today's parades were organised with party backing but were unusually jovial.

Despite rain, the marchers splashed happily through muddy puddles, letting off fireworks, banging drums or cymbals, and chanting party-approved slogans.

Officials said the demonstrations, which have also been reported from other major Chinese cities, would continue here tomorrow.

Peking television has told overseas networks to stand by for "important news" at 15:00 GMT tomorrow and on Monday.

Observers said this may well be the formal announcements of the purge, the appointment of Mr. Hua as party chairman and the naming of new leaders.



ANTI-LEFTIST PARADE — Large portrait of China's late Chairman Mao Tse-tung is carried by people parading in a Peking street Thursday, in a demonstration against the anti-party group of four radical leaders accused of a coup attempt. The banner reads "Foreign Ministry of People's Republic of China."



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## When they're good, they're very good

The extraordinary spectacle of Americans winning all the Nobel Prizes that were awarded this year is something that should be noted as an honest and irrefutable commentary on the strain of positiveness and goodness that consistently runs through the extraordinary society that is the United States. If sometimes this streak runs so deep that it is completely overshadowed by parallel and more ferocious streaks of interperate political, social and military madness, at other times—like this week—the underlying forces of humanism, and even reckless intellectual bravado, come to the fore to claim their due applause.

There is no good or valid reason for us to publicly probe the inner workings of any other nation or society beyond the point at which that society's punch smashes into our nose. In this respect, we regularly take the Americans to task for their inimitable and proven ability to consistently do the stupidest thing possible in the Middle East, which is the sphere wherein it is our right and duty to point out to Americans the frailty, idiocy and falsehood of their government's policies. Beyond this, if biodegradable Dr. Pepper soft drink bottles and electric can-openers that glow in the dark are the things upon which American civilisation will be built, that is none of our business, and mercifully, one thinks.

But the full enigma of the United States is that while it produces such things as these, it also produces all of this year's Nobel Prize winners. However incongruous, it is a fact of history and life that the same people who are responsible for the mad edge of American life are also responsible for the tender, fragile, silk-lined corners wherein the professors and the scientists and the artists can spend their day dreaming and playing and ever nudging the outer frontiers of our world, and more often than not they can do so by the grace of a financial grant from the same government that was responsible for the war in Vietnam.

The Rockefeller's and the Ford's and the Carnegie's all have to answer for some of history's most maniacal examples of unbridled and uncaring capitalistic exploitation. But they are also the people behind some of the world's most noble and productive research institutions, and the forces that in rough times often provided the money that allowed artists to eat. It is an incongruity and a two-edged sword, and there is nothing else to say about it, besides damning it when it is very bad, and acknowledging it when it is very good. Today it is good, and the example is not lost to us.

## 3 Jordanian surgeons become fellows of U.S. medical body

CHICAGO, Illinois. — Three Jordanian surgeons were among a group of 2,162 initiates from around the world who became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons, the world's largest organisation of surgeons, in formal convocation ceremonies held in the Conrad Hilton Ballroom here last week.

Fellows (members) of the college have earned the right to use the designation "FACS" (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after their name, indicating that they have fulfilled comprehensive requirements of acceptable medical education and advanced training in general surgery or one of the 11 surgical specialties recognised by the college, and have given evidence of ethical practice and good character.

The initiates, one of the largest groups was founded in 1913 to raise classes in recent years, included standards of surgery and upgrade 2,019 surgeons from the United States and Canada and 143 surgeons from other nations.

The three surgeons from Jordan were Dr. Nabil Anton Atalla, FRCS (Eng.), Dr. Foti Issa Khamis, MECOG, and Dr. Mohammad Ali Sartawi, FRCS (C).

The convocation ceremony was a highlight of the college's 62nd annual Clinical Congress, a five-day programme which also included scientific and industrial exhibits, postgraduate courses, research-in-progress reports, panel discussions and symposia, live telecasts and films. The congress was attended by more than 18,000 surgeons, their families, members of other medical disciplines and members of the scientific and general media.

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## Original portraits of Time magazine covers on view in Amman

By Margaret M. Kana'an  
Special to the Jordan Times  
The exhibit of U.S. Time magazine cover art opened at the Alia Art Gallery in Jabal Amman on Thursday Oct. 21.

It is an exhibition of portraits of world leaders in government, business, the arts and the sciences by distinguished artists. The exhibit comprises the likenesses of 39 world personalities which appeared on the cover of the magazine between 1950 and 1975.

Portraits include those of Sir Winston Churchill (cover date: Jan. 2, 1950), the late jazz musician Duke Ellington (Aug. 20, 1956), Gen. Charles de Gaulle (Jan. 5, 1959), Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy (Jan. 20, 1961), President John Kennedy (Jan. 5, 1962), Novelist William Faulkner (July 17, 1964), King Hussein (July 14, 1967), President Gamal Abdel Nasser (May 16, 1969), President Anwar Sadat (May 17, 1971) and King Feisal (Jan. 6, 1975).

On Jan. 2, 1950, Sir Winston Churchill's portrait, done by Ernest Hamlin Baker in tempera (a process of painting whereby an albuminous medium is used instead of oil), made the cover of Time

as Man of the Half-Century. Ernest Hamlin Baker was the first artist to develop journalistic portraits.

The exhibition was first opened in Beirut on March 10, 1975, and

has since toured a number of Arab states. It is currently open to the public in Amman on its last show before originals are returned to New York.



In 1969, the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser's portrait, done by Louis Granzman in mixed media, made the cover of Time magazine.



On Jan. 6, 1975, the late King Feisal's portrait, in mixed media, made the cover of Time magazine. The portrait's background was done in oil and the King's headress, a real red keffiyeh, was pasted and placed on the canvas around His Majesty's face.



## Antiquities team leaves for Syria

AMMAN (JNA). — The Director General of Antiquities, Mr. Ya'acub Oweiss, Saturday morning leaves for Basra Al Sham in the Dera district for talks with his Syrian counterpart Mr. Afif Al Bahasi, to work out details for the implementation of the bilateral cultural cooperation agreement.

The agreement includes exchange of experience and the joint participation in excavation works. It involves also the organisation of antiquities exhibitions in the two countries and the publication of antiquities and archeological news by both Syria and Jordan.

Mr. Oweiss, who heads the cultural delegation to the one-day talks, will also discuss with Mr. Al Afifi the unification of antiquities law in both countries to prohibit the smuggling of antique finds and trade in them abroad.

## FAO to build warehouses for JCO

AMMAN (JNA). — The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) will finance the construction of a number of warehouses for agricultural cooperative societies here at a cost of \$350,000, the Jordanian Cooperatives Organisation (JCO) said Friday.

The money for the project has been contributed by Kuwait as part of its participation in the FAO activities, JCO added.

The Director General of JCO, Mr. Marwan Doudine, has been empowered to sign the related agreement for the construction of the warehouses with FAO.

## Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils:

U.S. dollar	331.0	333.0
U.K. sterling	548.0	558.0
French franc	66.3	66.6
Iraqi dinar	980.0	984.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1146.0	1147.0
Syrian pound	81.6	82.0
Egyptian pound	465.0	472.0
Lebanese pound	103.1	105.3
U.A.E. dirham	83.6	83.8
Libyan dinar	735.0	742.0
Saudi riyal	94.3	94.5
Swiss franc	135.6	136.0
Italian lira for every 100	39.3	39.5

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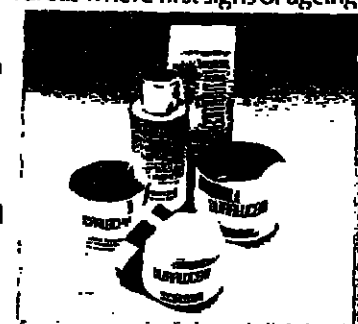
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# Peking reaffirms anti-Soviet stance; Bucharest summit would further cement Mozambique treads warily Romanian-Soviet ties

NEW YORK (CSM). — Events of the past month permit Western diplomacy to downgrade two anxieties.

— China is not headed for a reconciliation with the Soviet Union in the post-Mao Tse-tung era. On the contrary, China's Foreign Minister, Chiao Kuan-hua, travelled all the way from Peking to the United Nations in New York in order to have the loudest possible sounding board for a speech in which he declared the Soviet Union to be "the biggest peace-swindler and the most dangerous source of war today."

— Mozambique is not acting as Moscow's spoiler in Southern Africa, at least not at the moment. Mozambique's Foreign Minister, J. Chiassano, also came to the U.N. to make a speech. In it he said his country "supports the convening by Great Britain of a constitutional conference outside Rhodesia."

American diplomatic sources added that Mozambique has seen in Lebanon what trouble an outside guerrilla force can cause and has no intention of the Rhodesian guerrillas becoming as strong as the Palestinian forces have been in Lebanon.

Of the two events, the restatement of China's policy towards the Soviet Union was the less surprising. Indeed, there never need have been any serious source of concern about Peking's foreign policy course in the post-Mao era.

Two enormous hurdles lie in the path of any such reconciliation one is ideological, the other is geographic. They have always been present in the Sino-Soviet relationship and there is no visible reason to think that they are today any less so.

The ideological barrier is the Soviet claim to primacy in the Communist world. China does not accept this. To the Chinese Mao Tse-tung is the true founder of their own political religion. Maoism is their cult, and it probably will be their cult, and for a long time ahead. They refuse to recognise the Kremlin as the Vatican of their religion.

The geographic barrier is the fact of Soviet soldiers, guns, and missiles within 400 miles of China's capital city of Peking. Mongolia is part of the Soviet empire. It is held in firm control by Soviet troops. The distance from Peking to the nearest point on the frontier between Inner and Outer Mongolia is 400 miles. China never will feel comfortable as long as Soviet imperial power lies that deep in Asia and that close to Peking.

Besides China is the most populous country in the world and could well use more territory. The Soviets have never been able to build a substantial population in Siberia.

Some China watchers believe the Chinese want the Soviets out of all of Mongolia and also out of the Soviet maritime provinces.

The Soviets still occupy huge areas of Asia which China regards as belonging to Asians. By Chinese definition, the Slavs of European Russia are not Asians, but Europeans. Asia for the Asians is a favourite Chinese slogan incompatible with the amount of Asian space now controlled from Moscow.

So what Chinese Foreign Minister Chiao said in the U.N. is not surprising, nor did it make new history. But it was reassuring to American, West European, and Japanese foreign offices, where of necessity there has been a question mark over post-Mao Peking. There still is concern, but not on the specific point of policy towards Moscow.

It seems clear that the major Chinese factions are divided over domestic issues, not over foreign policy. Both must have concurred in the speech made at the U.N. by Mr. Chiao.

The Mozambique event is more surprising—and most welcome at the State Department in Washington where the attitude of Mozambique can be the key to the success or failure of the entire Kissinger peace plan for Southern Africa.

Mozambique is where the black Rhodesian guerrillas are being trained. Mozambique is where they get their arms from the Soviet Union—when they do. Mozambique can control the flow of such weapons, and could shut it off entirely.

Mozambique could close down the guerrilla training camps, cut off their supply of weapons, and

defang their military operations.

Dr. Kissinger's peace efforts, to be successful, must have some small measure of cooperation from Mozambique. Such cooperation is not likely to be overt and formal. But if it goes to the point of controlling and limiting the amount of Soviet arms going to the guerrillas, the rest of the problem becomes manageable.

Thus its "support" for that conference is of first importance. So far, so good.

## Peruvian women jump at chance to enlist

LIMA, PERU (CSM). — Two hundred years ago, the women in this aristocratic colonial capital rarely appeared on the streets without their "tapadas"—long veils that covered everything except the eyes.

Their great granddaughters however, have become Latin America's first women paratroopers.

Some 500 women have gone through parachute training since January in a military base outside Lima.

They form the core of what Peru hopes will be a special women's battalion deployed for peacetime rescue and emergency aid operations.

Peru's military leaders added equal rights for women to the list of social goals they set as they began their "non-capitalist" revolution in 1968.

"For years... our women have occupied the humiliating role of being nothing more than instruments of pleasure," said a recent editorial in *Actualidad Militar*, the official military magazine.

"They had no way of participating in national life, and even worse, had no access to culture; they were really left to vegetate between the four walls of a home."

A law requiring all Peruvians over the age of 18 to register with the draft applied to both sexes, and 150,000 women have registered this year alone.

But the only active service available to them so far is parachute training, since there are as yet no facilities for training or housing women in other military branches.

The women paratroopers live off the base. They are not paid, and since many of them are students or hold part-time jobs, they must find their own transportation to the base for the three hours of drills, jump practice, and fitness training each morning.

The army supplies their uniforms.

The number of volunteers apparently surprised even the most liberal officers.

"They just kept coming in to try out for physical tests," recounted one young captain. "There must have been a lot of hot arguments in a lot of nice homes."

Monica Gamarra, high-school student, joined the battalion over the objections of her family.

"Everybody, except my little brother who wants to be a para-

VIENNA. (CSM). — A Warsaw Pact "summit" is being planned to prepare a new East-West detente initiative for whichever administration the U.S. voters send to the White House next month.

According to apparently well-informed though unofficial reports, the alliance will meet in Bucharest, the Romanian capital, for one of its periodic policy-shaping summits. Party leaders, premiers, defence chiefs, and foreign ministers will be involved.

Making Bucharest the venue, these reports say, is meant to underline Romania's recently more cooperative attitude within the alliance. It will be the pact nations' first all-level meeting in Bucharest since 1966, when it launched the Communist bloc's campaign for the European security conference that culminated in last year's Helsinki summit meeting.

Bucharest played host to the foreign ministers a few years ago and in the 1970s, generally has participated in more Warsaw Pact activities. For a long time it had been a critical maverick within the alliance.

The summit is likely to focus on two points:

— Underlying Soviet party chief Leonid Brezhnev's continued commitment to easing East-West relations, perhaps to convey (as W. Averell Harriman, former U.S.

ambassador in Moscow, recently urged him) that he had not been swayed by U.S. election rhetoric and that he assumes the United States remains similarly interested regardless of who may be elected.

— Basing this on a new detente campaign leading up to the reconvening of the Helsinki conference in Aug. 1977, to take stock of effects of the Helsinki documents signed in Aug. 1975.

The second point will emphasise the extension of political detente into the military arena. It will be based on old slogans but may just possibly signal new Soviet "offers" over obstacles to a further U.S.-Soviet strategic nuclear accord and to the stalemated Vienna talks on mutual force reductions in Central Europe.

In the last year Romania has adopted a less provocative stance in the bloc's organisations. In various areas it has accepted closer party contacts, specifically with the Soviet Union.

A Warsaw Pact summit taking Mr. Brezhnev to Bucharest would signal the end of a coolness that began when Premier Alexei Kosygin went to Romania in Mr. Brezhnev's place to renew the two countries' friendship treaty in 1970.

Mr. Brezhnev and Romania's

Nicolae Ceausescu met this summer at the European Communism conference. Shortly afterwards, they met again in the Crimea and, en route, the Romanian president stopped for an official visit with local leaders in Soviet Moldavia.

Moldavia includes the Bessarabian territory which, for a century and a half, periodically has changed between Russian and Romanian hands. Since the 1960s it was a frequent needling point used (with official Bucharest prompting by Romanian academics and political publicists).

Mr. Ceausescu's much-publicised tour of the area could be seen only as an explicit reaffirmation of his several unequivocal disavowals earlier in the year of any territorial aspirations there.

His theoretical journals, meanwhile, continue to stress the differences between Romanian and Soviet views on issues like sovereignty among Communist states, despite the new courtesies and exchanges with Moscow.

This matches Mr. Ceausescu's increasingly dogmatic ideological line at home. It may, however, owe more of its inspiration to the "play safe" realisation of the still preponderant importance for Romania of its Soviet and East-bloc economic ties.

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## NATO diplomats think USSR wants dominion over world commercial shipping

BRUSSELS, Oct. 22 (R). — The Soviet Union is working hard to dominate the world's commercial shipping industry in a move that has serious strategic implications for the United States and its NATO allies, Western diplomats said yesterday.

The Soviet Union already maintains a massive navy composed of the most modern warships. The explosion in the size of its commercial fleet adds to allied worries about Soviet maritime intentions and capabilities.

Diplomatic sources said the fast-growing Soviet commercial fleet was undercutting established

freight rates by 25 to 50 per cent, depending on the route, in an attempt to monopolise world shipping.

"Control of merchant shipping would give the Russians a strategic hold on the West's vitals," said one diplomat.

NATO figures show that the

Soviet merchant marine has increased more than five-fold since 1960, from less than 3.5 million tons to more than 19 million tons.

The sources believe the Russians plan to take over sea routes by offering cheaper rates and more competitive ships, leading to a decline in the West's commercial shipping industry.

"In this way the Soviet Union will get to control supplies to the West overall as well as between Western countries," said one source. "It's a classic use of maritime power."

The sources added that the Soviet program is probably also designed to earn hard currency in view of its ever-increasing debt to the West.

They said the Eastern bloc could owe a massive \$42 to \$45 billion to Western countries, especially West Germany, the United States and Japan, by the end of the year.

The sources said the Soviet commercial fleet works in close collaboration with the military and most merchant vessels have a secondary military role.

For instance they said that Russia's more than 4,000 fishing trawlers can be used to gather military intelligence, carry troops and war stocks and to supply warships.

The sources said the Soviet drive seems to be having considerable success, with Soviet ships now carrying 25 per cent of the commodities transported to Europe from the Great Lakes region of central North America.

The sources said the Russians use only their most modern ships to carry foreign goods, reserving their oldest vessels for Soviet ports and imports.

They said that the Soviet Union appears intent upon continuing its program because it has expanded its shipyards and has its own intention of cutting in on construction.

The Russian authorities have chosen to devote much of the investment to modern types of ships such as container and roll-on, roll-off vessels.

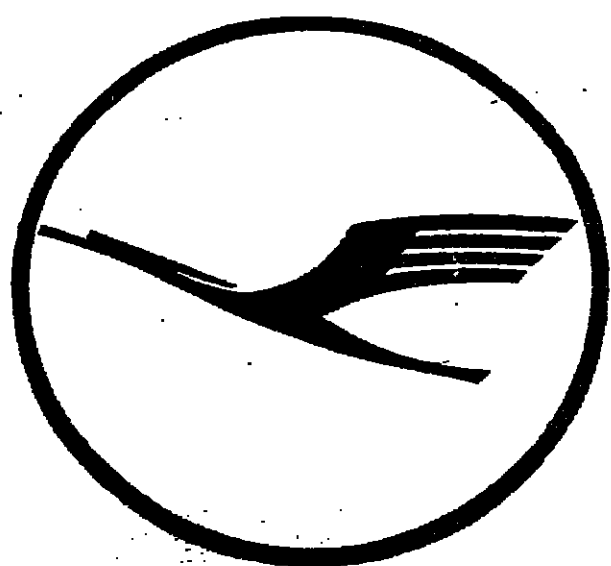
One-quarter of Russian ships launched are of this variety, which make for fast, cheap loading and unloading.

The sources said that the alliance was beginning to take the Soviet drive more seriously and trying to assess information on the subject, though this was difficult because the Soviet Union treats economic data with as much secrecy as it treats military information.

NATO Secretary General Klaus, who has warned of a Soviet attempt to monopolise global shipping, believes that the West has the assets to counter Soviet ambitions.

But he said he questioned the political will of the West to dominate these assets effectively. "The means are there but I question the will," he said in a recent speech. "Let us underestimate the consequences of this," he added.

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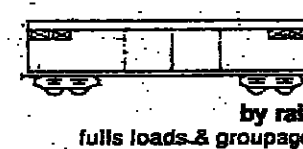
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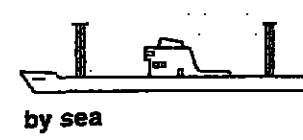
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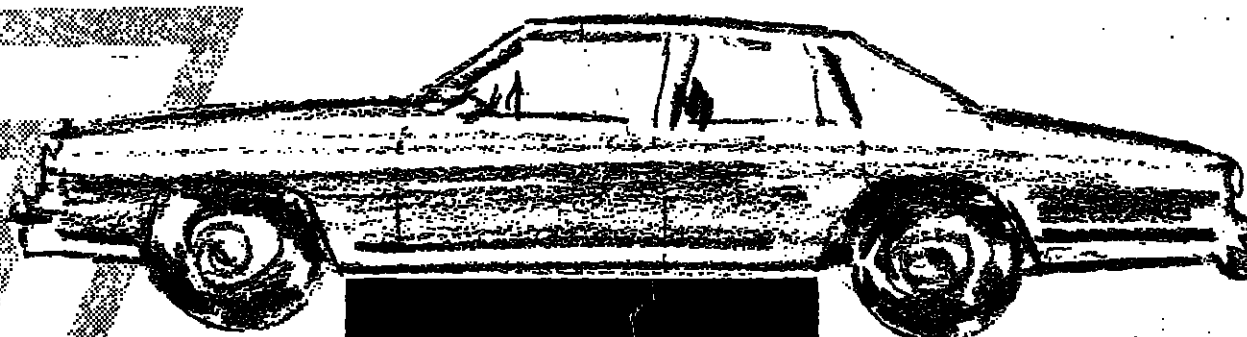
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# Theatre of the absurd in ourselves?

It is a creative activity in which the "players" often use props but rarely a plot. It can take place anytime, anywhere, sometimes even by chance. These are some of the facets of "performance art", at best a moving experience and at its worst a bit of a bore!

By Marina Vaizey

"Performance art" is a new phrase which covers many artistic activities that are difficult to categorise -- therefore, a new loose label.

People who are performance artists are trying to create something which creatively borrows both from experimental theatre and visual arts. Many art students and colleagues are interested in performance art, and most of its practitioners have had a fine arts training.

Anytime, Anywhere

Performance art takes place in time and uses movement, although sometimes it may be "living statues", and with an audience who may or may not participate. The artists often use props but no plot in the accepted sense. They may perform, unheralded, in rural areas or in the middle of cities; in art galleries, arts centres, and sometimes in theatres. Often they exploit chance and accidental occurrences in their work.

"The Welfare State", a big group of artists which includes musicians and visual artists, call themselves "civic magicians". Sometimes there are affinities with Community Arts. And some commentators consider the guru of European art, Joseph Beuys, a performance artist as he calls much of his latest work "social sculpture".

this sense some groups are almost like a repertory theatre group, but usually without a permanent home in which to perform.

They travel to show their work. They may use music, but quite often performance artists will do without dialogue, depending on physical action--which often has the look of mysterious ritual--to interest the audience. Work done out of doors, informally, will attempt to interest passers-by, and almost all performance artists make a point of not charging the audience for the performance.

Another characteristic is that the work of individual artists and groups undergoes considerable change, modified by each performance. And interpretations are often deliberately left to the spectators with little in the way of overt guidelines from the performers.

Shirley Cameron and Roland Miller are a two-artist group, called "Landscapes and Living Spaces". They have worked in many places, ranging from the formal spaces of art galleries to the open streets of a town, and their performances are about what they term the "symbolism of daily life", the encounters all of us have, in our rushing about, with implacable, unchanging physical objects.

Instant Myth

At their performances at the recent British Art exhibition in Milan, for example, the central objects were an old seed drill turned by hand round a central pivot which could also be interpreted as a maypole. Action and words were improvised. A good deal of their work has to do with a woman seen at the centre of things--either dominating or threatened by some natural event--with a man striving at the edge of things (a web of ropes for instance) to reach the woman. It is,

if you like, instant myth for a pluralist society.

Some time ago in Birmingham, England, I watched the making of an earth sculpture in the form of a Celtic knot, lit by candles, which was laid down the central corridor of Birmingham Cathedral, a sculpture made by the performance group "The Welfare State".

On a piece of green grass roped off and normally unused a dull open space left by the redevelopment of Birmingham's city centre, Keith and Marie, a duo who call themselves "Situations and Real Lifescapes", were dressed in bizarre costumes made of ordinary clothes--the kind that might be found in jumble sales or worn by the harmless eccentrics who are often to be seen in cities. They enacted despairing, obsessive rituals, underlining perhaps for passers-by, each of whom might be caught in just such unthinking patterns of purposeless behaviour, how much of daily life is characterised for the sane, as well as the disturbed, by physical habits.

Ritual

Magic and rituals are often invoked by performance artists but it is the ritual of an outsider, for a society that professes not to believe in magic, and for societies which are unconsciously ritualistic at a time when many deny the validity of the habits of traditional religion.

The names of some British groups--"Structured Theatre", "Ritual Theatre", "Phantom Captain", "John Bull International" (once called "John Bull's Puncture Repair Kit"), "Exploded Eye" and even the now disbanded "Nice Style: The World's First Pose Band", not to mention "Galactic Theatre", "Matchbox Purveyors", "Words Actions and Situations", "Theatre of Mixed Means", and "Fine Artists"--are perhaps indicative of the strange, interesting areas of human communication being explored by performance artists.

Body Art

There are of course elements of the theatre, the fine arts (with

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an ancestor in "Dada"), in particular the manifestations described in the labels "environmental art", "happenings", "body art" and "earth art"--and sometimes "community art"--in performance art. Some performance artists have worked just by, say, walking about bizarrely dressed, doing occasional obsessive actions, in a city crowd. They have worked by railway sidings, on beaches, at the docks and in remote countryside.

Yves Klein's painting of a nude in front of an invited audience, with the use of the nude as the paint brush so to speak, might be considered a piece of performance art.

So, performance art involves an audience, whether the audience is made up of passers-by or those who have deliberately come to look. It involves people doing (and therefore is not to be equated with assemblages, or the photographic souvenirs of unobserved activity in landscape).

Almost without exception these small groups or individuals now have as their only activity--whether they have been trained as painters, musicians, sculptors or whatever--"performance art". It uses an existing environment or creates one. It may involve dialogue and sound, but often does not.

Performance art's soundest claim to innovation is that unlike the scripted classic theatre, and unlike the art object, it does not impose a more or less unchanging form on an audience. It is an artistic activity that continually, at its best, is renewed by its own ambivalences and ambiguities--asking its spectators freely to find whatever emotional or artistic truth they can.

At its worst, performance art is self indulgent, undisciplined and boring. At its best, it is moving and existing in unexpected ways.



## Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

SATURDAY, OCT. 23

Your birthday today: An eclipse of the Sun takes place at 1:10 a.m. EDT. The moon enters Scorpio seven minutes later. The Sun enters Scorpio at 2:58 a.m. EDT. Today's Libra and Scorpio natives both face a year of sudden turns of fortune, special opportunity for personal growth. Do your fair share: penalties for shirking work are extreme this year. Relationships of must rise to higher levels if they are to last. Today's Libra natives go in for philosophic, abstract ideas; Scorpios deal with social and commercial issues.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Find out what happened to your family resources. Make no outlays despite probable insistence. Reexamining old records brings valuable insight.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): This is no time to rock the family boat. Stick around in case your help is needed. Cleaning up brings an odd harvest. Leave power tools to experts.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You're asked or expected to contribute time and money to projects beyond your range of interest. Remain uninvolved, don't drag in outside matters as excuses.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): On a higher plane, action is toward creativity, on lower levels, gives way to whims. Gambling. Emotionally loaded issues are hard to see in perspective.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Reflect, base choices on convictions rather than on

pride or passing impressions. Loved ones didn't ask for recent external forces to have such impact.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Penny-wise long term, pound-foolish today is an illogical mood, results in heavy obligation. Expressed positively, the same influence solves old problems.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today begins a month-long opportunity to increase earning powers, dispose of unwanted property to good advantage. It's a time to sell. Add to savings.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You're at a high in your energy cycle, can prevail in most controversy. A mild voice is more effective than shouting. Don't say things you'll regret.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): No matter what friends do, follow your intuition. Put aside things done by correspondence, remote control. Watch abrupt moves, people in your path.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Luck is with you if the risk is not just wishful thinking. Changes of status, career growth can be favorable if you diligently pursue obvious courses.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Candor demands that you be outspoken; fairness requires that you leave human dignity intact. Don't take any chances where debate affects your position.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Your role in the current situation is not clear, so you're free to perform on a wide scale. Be genuinely interested in rescuing things from confusion.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
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Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH  
♠ K 8 6 4 3  
♥ A K 4  
♦ A 7 6  
♣ Q 2

EAST  
♠ A Q 10 9 7 2  
♥ Q 8 7 6  
♦ 8 3  
♣ A K J 10 9 5

SOUTH  
♠ 5  
♥ 9 5 3  
♦ K Q J 10 9 5 4 2  
♣ 4

The bidding:  
West North East South  
5 ♠ Dbl. Pass 5 ♦  
Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: King of ♣.

Cooperation on defense is usually vital. But beware that you don't give declarer information he can use when it won't be of any help to your partner. This extreme case cropped up in a European Championship, and it is not without its humorous side.

There is no way to determine the correct bidding of freak hands. The sequence shown is the one that actually occurred at one table in a match between two strong teams.

West led the king of clubs and continued with the ace. In an effort to show where his strength was, East signaled with the ten of spades. This surely was futile, for it was most unlikely that West would ever regain the lead and his holding

in spades was not likely to affect the final outcome. In addition, this play proved expensive in a strange way.

Declarer ruffed the second club, cashed the king of diamonds and led a spade to the jack, king and ace. East returned a trump, won by dummy's ace. The eight of spades was led, and East was forced to cover with the nine. Declarer ruffed, reentered dummy with the seven of trumps and led the six of spades. Again East was forced to cover with the seven and declarer ruffed.

A heart to the king put declarer back in dummy. The 4-3 of spades now presented the opportunity for a ruffing finesse in the suit, for East's remaining spades were the Q-2. East covered the four with the queen, declarer ruffed and reentered dummy with his remaining high heart. On the established three of spades, declarer discarded his last heart and the contract rolled home.

When you looked at this hand originally, did you envision that dummy's 4-3 of spades would be the key cards? And did you, too, fall into the same lapse as East did by signaling with a high spade, which was the only way to let declarer make his contract?

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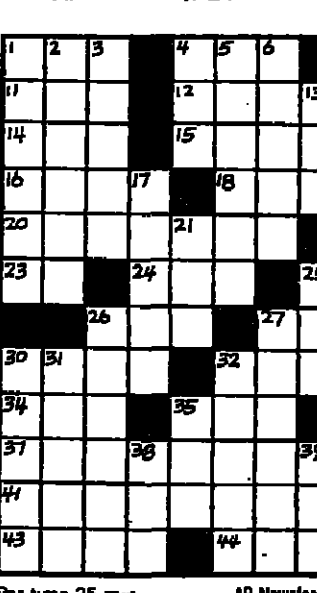
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DOWN  
1. Handsome young man  
2. Mitigation  
3. Youngest son  
4. In the manner of  
5. Palatable  
6. Merganser  
7. Feminine name  
8. Stew  
9. Severe  
10. Cupels  
13. Wrath  
17. Proper  
21. Lineman  
22. Prevent  
25. Minim  
26. Officer's commission  
27. Meat  
28. Burmese sacred building  
29. Bivalve mollusk  
30. Dwindles  
31. Fanon  
32. Container  
33. Bereft woman  
35. Turkish title  
38. Yellow bugle  
39. Bitter vetch



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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NUKE

YURLS

CAPUNK

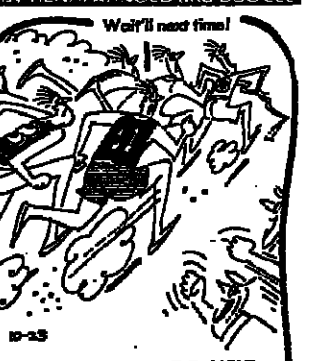
RUMMUR

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumble FEIGN ACUTE LAGOON MOSQUE

Answers: You need hundreds of them just to make a few dollars--CENTS



THESE RUNNERS ARE NOT GOING DOWN AS TOTAL LOSERS.

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumble FEIGN ACUTE LAGOON MOSQUE

Answers: You need hundreds of them just to make a few dollars--CENTS

...HALLO!  
IS THIS 67171-2-3-4?  
I'D LIKE TO RESERVE  
A SPACE FOR AN AD IN  
THE JORDAN TIMES...





## Phoenix missile is missing from sunken U.S. F-14 plane

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (R) — The U.S. Navy reported today that a highly sophisticated Phoenix missile is missing from the F-14 fighter aircraft located only last night in the depths of the North Sea, off northern Scotland.

The fighter fell off the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy on Sept. 14 when an engine throttle jammed and the crew lost control. The crew of the F-14 "Tomcat" fighter ejected safely.

Soviet warships were in the area when the plane fell overboard with its top secret electronic equipment, and there has been speculation the Soviet Union might try to find the jet.

But Navy Secretary William Middendorf said the Russians were not believed to have the capability for deep sea recoveries.

The fighter was located yesterday, lying on its back on the seabed. A navy statement issued yesterday said the Phoenix missile it carried was secure in place.

"The Phoenix missile initially reported to be secure in place on the F-14 is not attached to the

aircraft as originally believed," the Navy said in a brief statement.

The Navy said it was continuing to search for the missile at a depth of about 600 metres in an area 75 miles northwest of Scotland with a special nuclear-powered submarine-type vessel.

The F-14 is capable of carrying six Phoenix missiles but there was only one aboard this particular aircraft when it slid off the deck of the aircraft carrier.

While there was no immediate clarification from the Navy it appeared likely that the missile had been torn from the plane when it hit the seabed.

Only days before the loss of the aircraft a defecting Soviet Air Force pilot flew a MIG-25 Foxbat fighter to Japan, where Western military experts later closely examined the plane's military secrets.

The Phoenix is usually described as having a range of more than 200 kms but experts here said that in fact the missile has a 350 kms range.

By contrast the newest Soviet missiles, the AA-6, AA-7 and AA-8 are believed to have ranges varying between eight and 45 kms.

The Phoenix travels at something like 12,500 kms an hour while Soviet dogfight missiles travel at under 3,250 kms an hour.

It is guided by one of the most sophisticated fire-control systems in the world, the Hughes AWG-9, which can track up to 24 targets at a time and fire simultaneously at six of them.

## Soviets launch Cosmos 861

MOSCOW, Oct. 22 (R). — The Soviet Union today announced the launching of a new automatic satellite, the 861st in its 14-year-old Cosmos series.

Tass news agency said Cosmos-861 was put into earth orbit yesterday. Equipment on board was working normally.

## New constitution, cabinet announced in Thailand

BANGKOK, Oct. 22 (R). — King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand today promulgated a new constitution and swore in a government which will continue to be advised by the military leaders who seized power on Oct. 6.

Prime Minister Thanin Kraivichien, 49, a rightwing lawyer, heads

## Sweden joins in to expel N. Korean diplomats

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 22 (R). — Sweden today became the fourth Scandinavian country to take action over North Korean diplomats for flooding the black market with contraband cigarettes and liquor.

The Swedish Foreign Ministry announced that the North Korean Ambassador, Mr. Kil Jae Gyong, and four of his staff had left the country following confirmation that they were involved in the large-scale selling of duty-free cigarettes and liquor and in narcotics traffic.

The ambassador returned to North Korea last night, two other diplomats left today, and two others had returned earlier, the ministry statement said.

Official sources said those diplomats who had already left had done so under threat of expulsion. Norway, Denmark, and Finland have served expulsion orders on North Korean diplomats because of the racket in duty-free cigarettes and liquor. In Denmark, traffic in hashish has also been alleged.

In all, 17 North Korean diplomats have had to leave the four countries.

A North Korean embassy spokesman told Reuters by telephone that reports linking it with smuggling "are part of a reactionary plot, in which the American imperialists are a part, to undermine the growing prestige of our country."

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

Lack of interest made Friday for a lower trend, helped by the relative firmness of sterling but interest was negligible, dealers added. Short maturities firmed around 1/16 while others were 1/8 higher where changed.

Leading equities averaged falls of 2p to 6p but Unilever lost 8p because of profit-taking. Overseas stocks were generally easier.

Hong Kong land ended about 3p higher on the bid discussions with Wheelock Marden which is suspended from trading. Associated Issue Jardine Matheson rose 17.0.

The weakness on Wall Street pushed oils lower where BP was about 11p down while Shell lost 8.0. Banks and insurances posted modest losses.

The property sector was relatively steady.



PRIVATE MEETING — The Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, are pictured after their private meeting in Bahrain Thursday. The French president made a short stop-over in Bahrain on his way back to Paris from a visit to Reunion Island, France's overseas territory in the Indian Ocean.

## U.S. sweep of Nobel Prizes described as "coincidence"

CHICAGO, Oct. 22 (R). — America's clean sweep of the 1976 Nobel Prizes has brought general rejoicing among academics and politicians in the United States, but disagreement on whether to thank the American way of life, or just coincidence.

Physics, chemistry, medicine and economics all went to Americans. And yesterday's announcement in Stockholm that novelist Saul Bellow was to receive the literature award made the U.S. the first nation in 76 years of the Nobel tradition to clinch all prizes given.

The peace prize was not awarded this year.

Professor Burton Richter of Stanford University, who shared the physics prize with Professor Samuel Ting of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said: "I think it's an extraordinary coincidence and that's all it is."

The 24-man ARC is given the role of advisory board to the prime minister under the constitution. It will perform urgent legislative tasks until the king, within 30 days, appoints a National Administrative Reform Assembly (NARA) of between 300 and 400 people chosen from all walks of life.

The appointed assembly will have a life of four years, and during that period will amend the constitution to provide for assembly elections.

A senate will also be appointed at that time and, under a "step-by-step return to democracy" announced last week by Premier Thanin, the two houses will have roughly equal legislative powers until 1984.

The senate's power will gradually be phased out over a three-four year period and, in a fourth period, "if democracy grows to a satisfactory extent there might possibly be only a single elected body," he told the nation last week.

The new constitution, Thailand's 10th since the abolition of absolute monarchy in 1932, replaced one drawn up following a 1973 uprising and abolished when the military regained power this month.

It gives Mr. Thanin, a little-known supreme court judge until his appointment as premier, sweeping powers "to issue any orders for preventive and suppression purposes... in cases deemed necessary concerning national security, the monarchy, national economy and national administration," and a wide range of other areas.

## Ford-Carter debate

[Continued from page 1] Miss Holtzman said in her letter Mr. Ford alone had the power now to compel an investigation by Mr. Levi or the special prosecutor. But she indicated no new evidence in the letter, and Mr. Ford can be expected to reject her request.

At his home town of Plains, Georgia, yesterday, Mr. Carter accused President Ford of waging "a highly misleading sort of advertising campaign."

"It makes me feel good as an American, but unlike the Olympics, countries don't enter national teams in Nobel contests -- it's not a team sport," he told Reuters. "This year it's all American -- next year it's just as likely to be all other places in the world."

Professor Richter's views echoed those of Dr. John Wilson, President of Chicago University, where Mr. Bellow and economics prize-winner Milton Friedman work, but contrasted with President Ford's reaction.

If there was a world Olympics in the arts and sciences, Mr. Ford said in a statement, it was the Nobel Prize. "In competitive sport terms, it might be said that in 1976, Americans have competitive sport terms, it might be said that in 1976, Americans have swept the field in a way no other country has ever done before."

Bombala -- population 1,600 -- will briefly rise from obscurity at 06:44 GMT when the moon slides between the sun and the earth, blocking out daylight and giving the scientists a rare chance to study the sun's corona.

For two minutes 48.4 seconds tomorrow, about 500 experts from Britain, Switzerland, Japan, France and the United States hope to see the last total solar eclipse over land this century.

Sudden weather changes have

wrecked three total eclipse gatherings during the past six years -- Mexico in 1970 when frustrated scientists jumped up and down on their telescopes, the Sahara Desert in 1973 and western Australia in 1974.

Swiss astronomer Dr. Tony Zelenka, felled at two previous events, has shipped a ton of equipment from his Zurich observatory at a cost of \$10,000 hoping for better luck this time.

"This is a job for men with hard nerves," he said.

"We spent three weeks under blazing skies and temperatures preparing in the Sahara. But on the day of the eclipse we had a sandstorm."

"In 400 years of recorded eclipse studies only two hours of data have been collected."

Dr. Zelenka and his colleagues hope to find out more about sun's corona, the fiery halo that will still be visible when the moon blocks out the sun, turning day into night and sending temperatures plunging.

Rabin: Palestinian state a time-bomb

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22 (R). — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said today the creation of a new Palestinian state in the area separating Israel and Jordan would be "a time-bomb" to peace in the Middle East.

But Mr. Rabin, addressing a lawyers' association here, said Middle East peace was impossible without a settlement of the Palestinian problem.

"This does not mean that establishment of a Palestinian state will settle the problem," he said. "On the contrary, a new state in the small area between Israel and Jordan will be a constant threat to peace, a time-bomb."

Mr. Rabin reiterated Israel's refusal to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) which he called "a band of terrorists" trying to eliminate the state of Israel.

## REPORTERS WANTED

The Jordan Times seeks qualified and experienced reporters who are interested in writing for the paper on a full-time, part-time or freelance basis. Primary qualifications are perfect command of English and substantial professional experience in reporting and writing news or feature stories. Experience in radio or television journalism in English may be appropriate. Preference will be given to Jordanians and Arab nationals, all other qualifications being equal.

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## As north-south antagonisms emerge Waldheim warns of danger similar to "cold war" era

UNITED NATIONS, New York, Oct. 22 (AFP). — Antagonism between the planet's rich north (energy, development, raw materials and finance) should evolve in parallel.

Differences were amplified with the submission of another document by Switzerland, which called for prior assessing of the "responsibilities" of each state or group of states.

Saudi Arabia, co-chairman with the United States of this commission, said this idea was not contained in the agenda. It threatened to advance the notion that states had a right to use their resources as they thought fit, if the industrial countries were going to bring up the question of prior assessing of responsibility.

According to the sources, this clash would wipe out a possible "institutionalising" of the energy commission when the dialogue comes to a formal end shortly.

The United States had suggested that an international energy institute could take over after the Paris parley.

The Americans had noted that there was no international forum to deal with energy matters.

Irish president resigns

DUBLIN, Oct. 22 (R). — Irish President Cearbhall O Dalaigh resigned his post today, three days after a government minister called him "a thundering disgrace," political sources said.

Mr. O Dalaigh had been attacked by Defence Minister Patrick Donaghy because he exercised his presidential powers to delay anti-guerrilla legislation.

After his remark Mr. Donaghy had sought a meeting with the President to apologise but the President refused to see him. The minister then submitted his regrets in a letter.

President O Dalaigh -- 65 -- was appointed as an unopposed candidate for the presidency in succession to the late President Erskine Childers in December 1974.

The Irish cabinet went into emergency session to consider the move.

## Britain to buy Milan anti-tank weapons

BONN, Oct. 22 (AFP). — Britain has decided to buy the Franco-German Milan remote-control anti-tank weapons system, it was announced here today.

The national director of French, West German and British ordnance services signed an agreement on the deal today at West German Defence Ministry.

The three signatories also agreed to study possible future cooperation on the development of the next generation of remote-control anti-tank weapons.

Informed sources said Britain would buy 1,800 launchers for Milan rocket by 1980.

French and West German infantry units have been equipped with the easily-transportable weapon.

The Milan is remote-controlled by a wire and by an infra-red aiming system with a 100 per cent accuracy coefficient between 30 and 2,000 metres.

It weighs six kgs. and costs 12,500 Deutsche marks (\$5,000 a piece).

The launching apparatus costs 122,500 Deutsche marks (\$49,000) and a complete system including equipment, spare parts and instruction material, works out at 205,000 Deutsche marks (\$82,000).

Filler: The longest single broken Apple peel on record one of 130ft 8in (39.86m) was cut by Frank Freer in 8 hours at Wolcott, 17 Oct. 1971. The apple (38cm) in circumference.

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